

United We Dance

2012 Scholarship Information Packet

Our Mission

United We Dance, Inc. is to unify within the Midwest Region as a family by sharing, supporting, learning and having fun through the art of dance and movement.

Our vision is greater than that. As a result of that unification, the goal of United We Dance, Inc., as a non-profit organization, is to raise monies for the establishment of a Scholarship Fund that will assist African-American high school graduates.



Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in a United We Dance, Inc. (UWD) scholarship. What an exciting time in your life! Going to college or vocational school is a life-changing event. It is the sincerest wish of the scholarship committee that we can assist you in your educational goals. This letter contains information and pointers that may be helpful in obtaining a United We Dance scholarship.

About United We Dance, Inc.

United We Dance, Inc. is comprised of groups from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. On the first weekend in June since 2002, we have gathered together to unite as a family by sharing, learning and having fun through the art of dance. Although there are many different styles of dance, they all share one thing in common: The Language of Movement. When you get a group of people moving in the same direction and sharing something in common, they are a force to be reckoned with! They are strong! They are proud and most importantly, they are part of something great!

About The Scholarships

As part of our service to the various communities at large, UWD offers educational scholarships to African-America high school seniors planning to attend college in the United States with a GPA of 2.8 or better. Awards of \$500 USD will be granted to one (1) student from each UWD State Regions of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. A scholarship committee, headed by Presidents of the UWD Regions, will selectively review all scholarship application packets.

Important Dates

Submission Deadline	April 6, 2012
Award Notifications	Week of May 14, 2012
Award Ceremony	June 2, 2012 Indianapolis, IN



Scholarship Helpful Tips

- Some Helpful Tips...When filling out the application be sure to follow the instructions carefully and send the complete scholarship application packet postmarked no later than April 6, 2012. Incomplete or late packets will be rejected.
- Do not wait until the last minute to assemble your scholarship application packet. You will need to contact the people writing reference letters early, so they can return them in a timely fashion.
- Proofread, proofread, and proofread! Misspelling and bad grammar reflects badly on you, and the scholarship committee will consider this when reviewing applications. Have a friend or relative double-check your work.
- Write a letter of thanks if you receive an award. Other than being the polite thing to do, a thank you letter goes a long way in impressing the scholarship committee.
- We are a volunteer organization and any student who has shown a willingness to volunteer his or her time will look good to the scholarship committee. Indicate how you plan to help on your personal statement.
- If you need help, do not be afraid to ask! A high school counselor, college advisor, your parents, or even another college student may all be of service.



**United We Dance
2012 Scholarship Application**

Applicant's Name:		
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone: ()	Date of Birth: / /	Race:

Applicant's Parent or Guardian's Information

Mother's Name:	Phone: ()	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

Father's Name:	Phone: ()	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

List of all institutions that your application has been submitted

1.	Accepted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	Accepted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3.	Accepted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.	Accepted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.	Accepted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Which one of the above institutions will you attend?	
What do you plan to major in?	
Have you received grants or scholarships from other sources? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please list the amount:	

High School, Community and Extra Curricular Activities

High School Name	Phone: ()
Address:	
City:	State: Zip Code:
Current GPA:	

List Community and Extra Curricular Activities	

UWD Affiliation (Instructor and class location, if applicable)	

References or Letters of Recommendation

There is a minimum requirement of two (2) references / recommendations and a maximum of four (4) from your High School Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Community Service Organization, UWD Affiliated Member and Clergy. Please list their names and contact information below. Append your letters to the application to complete submission.

Name:	Phone:
Occupation:	Email:
Name:	Phone:
Occupation:	Email:
Name:	Phone:
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United We Dance – Scholarship Essay Requirements

Please complete a typed essay of 500 words, answer 1 of the 3 following questions and append it to your scholarship application.

What is the importance of education in light of the current economic times?

Who is the most influential person in your life and how did they motivate you to make a difference in the world?

How is involvement in extracurricular activities important to your academic and future success?

Scholarship Submission

All applications must be typed and post marked by April 6, 2012.

Send completed packets in a manila envelope to:

**United We Dance, Inc.
PO Box 2502
Indianapolis, IN 46206**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the UWD Scholarship Committee.

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A member of the United We Dance, Inc. – Regional Committee will notify scholarship recipients the week of May 14, 2012. The award banquet will be held at the 11th Annual United We Dance Reunion on June 2, 2012. Scholarship Recipients from all three (3) states are not required to be present for the banquet, but you are more than welcome to attend. Recipients will also have recognition on the UWD official website.